

U. S. and British Labor Unite for Democracy's War

English Leaders Formally Welcome Americans Into War at Banquet

All Workers to Help

Haste Urged Now to Accomplish What Cannot Be Accomplished Later

British and American labor leaders, always friendly in their common fight, yesterday pledged united efforts in the war for democracy, no matter what the sacrifice. The occasion was the luncheon given by the National Civic Federation in the assembly hall of the Metropolitan Building, in honor of the British Labor Commission, sent to this country by Premier Lloyd George at the request of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The members of the commission, who have made a tour of some of the

largest industrial centres in the East and Middle West, are the Right Hon. C. W. Bowerman, Privy Counsellor, member of the House of Commons and secretary of the British Trades Union Congress Parliamentary Committee; James H. Thomas, member of Parliament and secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain and Ireland; Joseph Davies, member of the Secretariat of the Prime Minister, and H. W. Garrod.

For the moment a truce was declared between labor and capital, whose representatives joined in the celebration to honor the visitors. There was nothing said about wages or working hours, but a good deal about all classes uniting to win the war.

Deplores Food Wastage

"If this war lasts for some time and you do all you are capable of doing," said James H. Thomas, M. P., "you will not be holding many luncheons like this. There is too much food wasted, and I say this because I know what food means in a land where there is now a shortage."

"When this war began we were engaged in a bitter industrial struggle in Great Britain, and when future historians record the causes of this war they will, no doubt, say that the enemy depended on the fight between labor and capital in Great Britain to keep us out. It is to the credit of both factions that we composed our differences till the end of the war. Now that all classes have made their sacrifices, there is a better feeling between employer and employee."

Mr. Thomas said he welcomed America into the struggle, not only because of the part she would play in the war, but for her counsel at the peace conference to follow. He said a successful peace was as important as a successful war, and that America's fairness would be depended on in the shaping of a peace which will prevent future wars.

C. W. Bowerman, another member of

the commission, paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Gompers, whose request to Lloyd George that a British labor commission be sent to the United States had been complied with as instantly as if it had come from "the King of America." He said he had been astonished to find labor and capital doing such good team work here in preparing for the war.

Prompt Action Needed

"What the United States contributes to the war in men and materials during the next six months will be worth many times more than what you contribute later in the struggle," said Mr. Davies. "The greatest output in the shortest time will mean an earlier victory. Fast action at this time is what we most want."

Mr. Gompers made a dramatic appeal for united fighting power, in which every man and every woman of all classes in the country should do their utmost.

"My government will not permit a man of my years to shoulder a gun," said Mr. Gompers, "but there is not a man or woman in the country who can not do something to help, and it is our sacred duty at this time to give everything we can. During our Civil War we were slaves in the South who fought against their liberators. In the same way the German people are now fighting us, who in turn are really fighting for them. They are living under a scheme of government which counts as nothing the lives of individuals. I want this commission to carry this message back to Great Britain—that we in America are in this fight to a man, and in it till a victory is won for democracy."

August Belmont Presides

August Belmont presided, saying that he was taking the place of V. Everit Macy, president of the federation, who was called away to bid goodbye to his

son, about to leave for France to drive an ambulance. Among those present were Oscar S. Straus, Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; William Fellowes Morgan, Elisha Lee, chairman of the Conference Committee of Railroad Managers; Ogden Reid, Judge William A. Day and E. E. Rittenhouse.

Last night, in the auditorium of the De Witt Clinton High School, Mr. Bowerman and Mr. Thomas told of the successful negotiations between employers and employees in Great Britain on all questions relating to labor since the war began.

Mr. Thomas said organized labor had gained hundreds of thousands of members in England since 1914, although Great Britain had more than 5,000,000 soldiers under arms.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bowerman were heckled by questions on how they stood on the Irish question. Both answered that they had always cast their vote in the House of Commons for Irish Home Rule, and would continue to do so.

Gen. O'Ryan and Aids Guests At Balfour Banquet in Toronto

Major General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the New York Division of the National Guard, and the officers who are accompanying him on his inspection tour through Canadian mobilization camps were guests last night at a banquet given in Toronto in honor of Andrew James Balfour, head of the British war commission.

To-day, according to a message received yesterday at division headquarters, General O'Ryan will confer with Lord Aberdeen, Sir Henry Bellat and General Lorgie.

Biblical Machine Guns Used by Billy On Devil's Front

Cracks Under Strain of Hurling Big Verbal Shells Nightly at foe

Crowd from Paterson

Sunday Says It Was Like Taking Candy from a Baby to Get Money There

Seven weeks' bombardment of the devil's trenches in New York has had a marked effect on Billy Sunday. Last night he "cracked under the strain" of sending big verbal shells nightly into the enemy's lines, and abandoned his heavy Gospel artillery for a Biblical battery of machine guns. He was scheduled to repeat his sermon on "Amusements"—which, delivered the previous evening, had left him as limp as the collar that hung, soaked with perspiration, about his neck. His eyes were heavy

and his face pale as he stepped to his platform.

"Gee whiz, I'm tired! Tell 'em I can't preach that amusement sermon to-night," he said to Redeemer, his musical aid.

"You'll get something just as good," said Rodey, in making the announcement. The sermon was taken from Isaiah lv, 6: "Seek ye the Lord."

17,000 in Tabernacle

The Tabernacle was nearly filled, about 17,000 persons being present. Three thousand men and women came from Paterson, N. J., to celebrate the second anniversary of the "revival" of that city by Sunday. They bore aloft a banner inscribed "Paterson for Christ." They were boisterous in their appreciation of the sermon.

"You don't want to judge Paterson by the few loud-mouthed folks who say they come from there," said Sunday in welcoming the delegation. "I appreciate Paterson's spirit more than I can say. There are not words in the dictionary to express my appreciation of your presence here. When I get to heaven I'll be able to tell you. Paterson was so generous in helping the campaign; it was like taking candy from a baby to get money when I was there."

Sunday adhered closely to his text and to the principles of his theology in his address, consequently the audience was diverted less than usually with his humorous illustrations and histrionics. Ten hundred and fifty-one hit the trail.

Warns Against Pleasure

He dwelt on the amount of sacrifice

and personal inconvenience, and even suffering, men and women would bear to achieve material ambitions, to triumph over disease, to "sip the cup of pleasure" or "enjoy the luxury of wealth." "Why shouldn't men be ambitious to go to heaven?" he asked. "Ambitions fade and dissolve like ice in a summer sea; pleasure—it fits by like a butterfly. Find fortune and you too often find sorrow, but find Christ and you will never be disappointed."

"People say they can't understand how Christianity can save a man or woman from hell. I can't understand how I assimilate my food; how it goes into the stomach and is turned into bone, blood, muscle, marrow, corpuscle and cuticle. But my ignorance doesn't stop me from eating. I don't sit around the table and starve because I don't understand how my hunger can be satisfied. All I have to do is to shovel it in—God looks out for the rest of it."

"Some people say too many Christians are hypocrites. I know the sun doesn't look so good through smoked glasses, but there are 1,000 hypocrites outside the church where there is one inside. Don't forget that, and don't forget that your neighbor's house will look better if you clean your own windows."

Mrs. Sunday's Condition Improves

Mark P. Haines, Sunday's son-in-law, arrived from Sturges, Mich., last night to see his mother. He occupied a platform seat at the Tabernacle. Mrs. Sunday, it was announced, continues to improve.

Sunday preached on "Fishing on the Wrong Side" to 4,000 people in the afternoon. Half of these were children from the various Sunday schools of the city. The trail hiters numbered 273. In his prayer he asked that the war might soon end.

"We didn't start the war, Lord," he said. "You know who started it, Jesus. Let them, so that bloodshed and barbarism may cease."

To-day's Programme in The Sunday Revival

9 a. m.—Mrs. William Asher, of the Sunday party, will speak in the Raymond Street hall, Brooklyn.

10 a. m.—Sunday school rally, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island; Miss Alice M. Gamlin, of the Sunday party, speaker.

10:30 a. m.—Billy Sunday, in the Tabernacle (men only).

11:30 a. m.—Mrs. Asher will speak at the workhouse, Blackwell's Island, under the auspices of the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society.

2 p. m.—Billy Sunday, in Tabernacle (men only).

4 p. m.—Mass meeting for high school girls, Carnegie Hall; Miss Margaret Slattery, speaker.

7 p. m.—Billy Sunday, in the Tabernacle (for everybody).

9:30 p. m.—Billy Sunday will speak at Liberty Fund benefit at the Hippodrome.

Ships Warned from Barred Zone in Panama Canal

Washington, May 26.—Officials of the Panama Canal Zone are adopting precautions to protect the big waterway. Regulations issued governing admittance to the completed port at Balboa prohibit all boats from entering or remaining in a wide designated area except by special permit.

"Boats entering this area in violation of the above," the notification adds, "are liable to be fired upon." The instructions were issued under the President's proclamation defining defence areas.

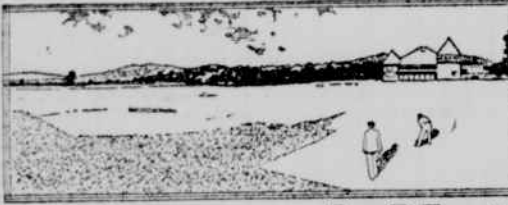


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